

# ***Hood Canal Coordinating Council***

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Dear Invitee,

The Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) cordially invites you to attend the first of a short series of workshops beginning on **October 26<sup>th</sup>** for the development of the Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP). Your expertise is critical to this effort succeeding and we hope you can attend!

**IWMP Overview and Introduction to Targets  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm  
Silverdale Community Center, Evergreen Room**

The purpose of the Plan is to provide a set of comprehensive, coordinated strategies for protecting and restoring the Hood Canal watershed that will be supported by organizations working in Hood Canal, will be measurable over time, and will implement the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda. Our Vision is that *"humans benefit from and coexist sustainably with a healthy Hood Canal."* The project scope *"includes the environmental and socioeconomic systems that make up the Hood Canal watershed. These environmental and socioeconomic systems are inextricably linked; thus our approach is to create a roadmap that helps maintain ecosystems in healthy, productive and resilient conditions to continue providing the ecosystem services humans want and need."*

The first step in this effort is identifying targets for conservation (e.g., salmon, marine habitats, working forests, public access, housing, employment, etc) throughout Hood Canal which will become the basis for setting shared, regional goals. A workgroup has developed a draft set of about 40 potentially important targets and is seeking feedback from the broader Hood Canal community on the accuracy and completeness of these potential targets. The purpose of this first workshop is to introduce the IWMP, the Open Standards framework, our technical and public involvement plans, and the draft list of potential targets. A second workshop will be held in December after more input that will result in recommendations to the HCCC from informed stakeholders, such as you, on which are the 12 or so most important targets to focus on and reasons why.

**Please RSVP to Heidi Huber ([hhuber@hccc.wa.gov](mailto:hhuber@hccc.wa.gov)) with a current physical mailing address by Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.** All workshop materials will be mailed in hard copy to those attending as the workshop date nears. Current materials are also available on the HCCC website.

Thank you for your consideration and time,  
Phil Johnson, Chair  
Hood Canal Coordinating Council